Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

          1.   (Currently amended) A method for distributing documents, comprising:

          producing a first identifier adapted for association with a first document, the first identifier including first information indicative of a first server configured to create the first document in an original document format;

          transmitting the first identifier from the first server to a client based upon at least a request from the client to create the first document on the first server in the original document format;

          associating the first identifier by the client with the first document;

          transmitting a copy of the first document in the original document format from the client to the first server;

          <u>receiving a distribution list associated with the first document, the distribution list identifying a second server;</u>

          transmitting a commit request to the first server; and

          in response to the commit request, <u>transmitting a copy of the first document from the first server to the second server identified by the distribution list,</u> the first server <u>and the second server</u> ~~becoming~~ <u>thereafter</u> responsive to <u>one or more</u> download requests ~~from one or more distribution servers~~ for one or more copies of the first document, the download requests containing the first information.

          2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further including~~ <u>wherein</u> receiving [[a]] <u>the</u> distribution list associated with the first document[[,]] <u>comprises receiving</u> the distribution list identifying one or more other servers <u>different from the first server</u>.

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1 further including
receiving a notification list associated with the first document, the notification list identifying
one or more users.

4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further including receiving a
download request from [[a]] the second server, and in response thereto initiating a sequence of
operations between the first server and [[a]] the second server so that the first document is
transferred from the first server to the second server, the download request including the first
information.

5.   (Canceled).

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1 wherein delivering the
copy of the first document from the first server to the second server identified by the distribution
list the distributing includes transferring the first document to at least one intermediate server to
produce an intermediate copy of the first document in the original document format, and
transferring the intermediate copy from the at least one intermediate server to the second server.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1 wherein delivering the
copy of the first document from the first server to the second server identified by the distribution
list the distributing comprises:
            informing the second server of a distribution request; and
            in response to the distribution request, the second server initiating a sequence of
operations with the first server to transfer the first document to the second server.

8.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1 wherein delivering the
copy of the first document from the first server to the second server identified by the distribution
list the distributing comprises:
            storing second information to a first memory location in the first server;
            the second server accessing the first memory location to detect for a presence of
the second information; and

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the second server initiating a sequence of operations with the first server wherein the first document is transferred to the second server in response to detecting the presence of the second information.

9.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further including receiving at the first server a second document from [[a]] the second server, the second document representative of a modified version of the first document, the first server storing the second document while retaining the first document, the first server distributing the document to <u>one or more</u> other servers.

10.   (Currently amended) A method for distributing documents, comprising:

producing a first identifier adapted for association with a first document, the first identifier including first information indicative of a first server configured to create the first document in an original document format;

transmitting the first identifier from the first server to a client based upon at least a request from the client to create the first document on the first server[[,]] ~~the client associating the first identifier with a first document~~;

<u>associating the first identifier with the first document;</u>

transmitting a copy of the first document to the first server from the client, the first document in the original document format;

<u>receiving a distribution list associated with the first document, the distribution list identifying a second server different from the first server;</u>

transmitting a commit request to the first server;

in response to the commit request, the first server distributing <u>a copy of</u> the first document to [[a]] the second server <u>identified by the distribution list</u> ~~in the original document format~~; and

making <u>one or more copies of</u> the first document available for download from the first server and from the second server using at least the first information.

11.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein ~~the distributing~~ the first server distributing the copy of the first document to the second server identified by the distribution list includes transferring the first document to at least one intermediate server to produce an intermediate copy in the original document format, and transferring the intermediate copy from the at least one intermediate server to the second server.

12.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein ~~the distributing~~ the first server distributing the copy of the first document to the second server identified by the distribution list comprises:

informing the second server of a distribution request; and

in response to the distribution request, the second server initiating a sequence of operations with the first server to transfer the first document to the second server.

13.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein ~~the distributing~~ the first server distributing the copy of the first document to the second server identified by the distribution list comprises:

storing a transfer request to a first memory location in the first server;

the second server accessing the first memory location to detect for a presence of the transfer request; and

the second server initiating a sequence of operations with the first server wherein the first document is transferred to the second server in response to detecting the presence of the transfer request.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the first identifier includes a naming component that is randomly generated.

15.   (Currently amended) A method for distributing documents, comprising:

receiving a first document at an originating server based upon at least a request from [[the]] a client to create the first document in an original document format on the

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originating server, the first document having associated therewith a first identifier comprising first information indicative of the originating server;

receiving a first distribution list associated with the first document, the first distribution list identifying a first plurality of servers;

distributing the first document from the originating server to [[a]] the first plurality of servers identified by the first distribution list from the originating server in the original document format;

at each of the first plurality of servers, associating a second identifier with the first document, the second identifier including the first information;

receiving a second document at at least one of the first plurality of servers, the second document being a second version of the first document;

retaining the first document and the second document on the at least one of the first plurality of servers; and

distributing the second document to a second plurality of servers.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the first plurality of servers is the same as the second plurality of servers.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the first plurality of servers is different from the second plurality of servers.

18.   (Canceled).

19.   (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the second document is associated with a second distribution list identifying the second plurality of servers.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the first identifier is associated with the second document, whereby the second document is accessed by the first identifier.

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21.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein ~~the distributing~~ distributing the first document from the originating server to the first plurality of servers identified by the first distribution list includes the ~~first~~ originating server initiating a sequence of operations with [[the]] a second server to transfer a copy of the first document from the ~~first~~ originating server to the second server ~~in the original document format~~.

22.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein ~~the distributing~~ distributing the first document from the originating server to the first plurality of servers identified by the first distribution list includes transferring a copy of the first document to at least one intermediate computer system to produce an intermediate copy in the original document format, and transferring the intermediate copy from the at least one intermediate computer system to [[the]] a second server.

23.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein ~~the distributing~~ distributing the first document from the originating server to the first plurality of servers identified by the first distribution list includes informing [[the]] a second server of a transfer request, and in response thereto the second server initiating a sequence of operations with the ~~first~~ originating server to transfer the first document to the second server.

24.   (Currently amended) A computer program product for document storage and distribution comprising:

one or more computer readable media having contained thereon computer program code suitable for being executed on a first server computer,

the first server computer having associated therewith first identification information suitable to allow other computers to access the first server computer ~~as an origin server~~ using the first identification information,

the computer program code comprising:

first executable code effective for operating the first server computer to receive a first document as an original document in an original document format from a client

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computer based upon at least a request from the client computer to create the first document on the first server;

second executable code effective for operating the first server computer to associate a first identifier with the first document in response to receiving a commit request from the client computer, the first identifier including the first identification information indicative of the first server as the origin server; ~~and~~

third executable code effective for operating the first server computer to receive a distribution list identifying a second server computer different than the first server computer; and

fourth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to transmit the first document from the first server computer to the second server computer identified by the distribution list; and

fifth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to respond to one or more download requests comprising the first information ~~make available the first document~~ for downloading one or more copies of the first document in the original document format[[,]] ~~in response to the commit request~~.

25.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 24 further comprising:

~~fourth~~ sixth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to receive a second document from [[a]] the second server computer, the second document being an original document in the second server computer; and

~~fifth~~ seventh executable code effective for operating the first server computer to assign a third identifier to the second document, the third identifier including second identification information, the second identification information suitable to allow other server computers to access the second server computer using the second identification information.

26.   (Currently amended) The server computer program product of claim 24 further including ~~fourth~~ sixth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to

initiate a sequence of operations with [[a]] the second server computer so that the first document is transferred from the first server computer to the second server computer.

27.   (Currently amended) The server computer program product of claim 24 further including ~~fourth~~ sixth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to signal [[a]] the second server computer of a transfer request and to interact with a sequence of operations initiated by the second server computer to transfer the first document to the second server computer.

28.   (Currently amended) The server computer program product of claim 24 further including ~~fourth~~ sixth executable code effective for operating the first server computer to store in a first memory location second information indicative of a transfer request, wherein [[a]] the second server computer accesses the first memory location to detect for a presence of the second information, the second server computer initiating a sequence of operations with the first server computer wherein the first document is transferred to the second server computer in response to detecting the presence of the second information.

29 - 32.   (Canceled).

33.   (New) A method for distributing documents, comprising:
associating a document identifier with a first document, the document identifier specifying a first server, from one or more servers configured to create documents for distribution, that created the first document;
storing the first document;
receiving a distribution list associated with the first document, the distribution list identifying one or more other servers;
in response to receiving a commit request, transmitting the first document from the first server to the one or more other servers identified by the distribution list;
receiving a second document representative of a modified version of the first document;

storing the second document while retaining the first document; and

transmitting the second document to the one or more other servers identified by
the distribution list.